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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
*Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, February 20, 1905.*

The following report by the medical officer of health for the Colony on the occurrence of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended February 18, 1905, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,  
*Under Colonial Secretary.*

*Port Elizabeth.*—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital no cases were under treatment. Two hundred and seventy-six rats (6 found dead) and 269 mice (11 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week without any plague infection being discovered.

*East London.*—No case of plague was discovered during the week. At the plague hospital 2 cases were discharged; none remain under treatment. One hundred and nineteen rats (41 found dead) and 91 mice (82 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week without any plague infection being discovered.

*Other districts of the Colony.*—No plague infection was discovered either in man or animals. Three hundred and twenty-nine rodents were examined during the week from the Cape Town harbor board area and the shipping in the harbor, and 477 were examined by the medical officer of health for the city from the Cape Town municipal area.

A. JOHN GREGORY,  
*Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.*

*Return of cases of infectious diseases in the Cape division during the week ended February 18, 1905.*

Local authority.	Scarlet fever.		Diphtheria.		Enteric (typhoid) fever.		Erysipelas.		Smallpox.		Tuberculosis.	
	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.	Euro-pean.	Col-ored.
Cape Town.....				1	2		1				2	4
Woodstock.....	1				1				1			
Maitland.....											1	
Rondebosch.....					1						1	
Claremont.....					3	1						
Wynberg.....			1		1							
Kalk Bay.....					1							
Cape divisional council.....											1	1
Total.....	1		1	1	9	1	1		1		5	6

From the following local authorities no returns have been received: Green and Sea Point, Mowbray and Simons Town municipalities, and Glen Lily, Fairfield, and Parow village management board.

A. JOHN GREGORY,  
*Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.*

ARABIA.

*Report from Aden—Plague.*

Consul Masterson reports as follows:

*Plague cases and deaths at Aden week ended February 25, 1905.*

Locality.	Indigenous.	
	Cases.	Deaths.
Crater.....	29	22
Maalla.....	9	8
Tawahi.....	26	22
Shaikh Othman.....	196	185
Cantonment:		
Crater.....	3	2
Steamer Point.....	1	1
Khor Maksar.....	5	2
Total.....	269	242